

## Message Text

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FOR AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PN, CO, VE  
SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME YESTERDAY (MARCH 27) THAT THE "THREE PRESIDENTS' DOCUMENT" WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE READY UNTIL ABOUT MID-MAY. THE MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT TIME WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO SEE THAT IT IS SERIOUSLY AND CAREFULLY DONE. AND HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON APRIL 21. (THIS TRIP AND PREPARATIONS FOR IT, ARE CLEARLY A DELAYING FACTOR.) THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD TALK AGAIN WITH THE PRESIDENT AND LET ME KNOW IF HE HAS ANY DIFFERENT READING.

2. NO DATE YET.

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